

**New Mexico - Alamogordo Field Office**  
**FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary Rating \_\_\_\_ Final Rating \_\_\_\_

**1. Plants - 60 Potential Points**

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Points - Bench Mark	Points - After
<b>Rangelands:</b>	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	60		
Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	50		
Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	40		
Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	30		
Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	20		
(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	10		
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	% ____ + ____ + ____ =	0		
<b>1. Plants</b>		Total	100% Total	100%	<b>Total:</b>	

**2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 110 Potential Points**

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the EQIP Contract must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans.			Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	Points - After
<b>Soil Erosion</b>					
Prescribed Grazing (528)			5		
<b>Water Quantity</b>					
Brush Mgt(314)			10		
Forest Stand Improvement(666)			10		
<b>Water Quality</b>					
Brush Management 314-Chemical Control			20		
Brush Management 314-Mechanical Control			10		
<b>Air</b>					
<b>Plants</b>					
Prescribed Grazing (528)			25		
Brush Mgt (314)			20		
<b>Animals</b>					
Livestock Pipeline (516 )			10		
<b>2. Conservation Practice Selection</b>			<b>Total:</b>		

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**3. Other Considerations - 30 Potential Points**

Below are some suggested, not required, criteria. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them here.	Potential Points		Points - After
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	5		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project.	5		
D. This land is within a proposed sec. 319 project.	5		
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.	10		
<b>3. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total:</b>		

Designated Conservationist \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_